

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph numbered [[0002]] beginning on page 1 with the following:

A USB (Universal Serial Bus) interface is one of the most popular electronic communication connecting means these days, and is known to include terminals, plugs, connectors and so on, which serve to connect USB devices such as memory sticks and wireless (local area network) LAN cards to USB ports of personal computers, notebooks, PDAs (personal digital assistants) and so on. As compared with the prior art, currently used personal computers require connection of a number of USB devices such as telephones, modems, printers, microphones, speakers, mice and scanners as various application programs are developed. To achieve such connection of USB devices and computer units, USB interfaces, which are convenient and excellent in function, are currently used. Because the USB interfaces enable USB devices to be easily connected to computer units, and have functions such as hot plugging and Plug and Play, they have advantages in that users do not need to shut down and restart their personal computers to connect USB devices to the computers.

Please replace the paragraph numbered [[0017]] beginning on page 5 with the following:

FIG. 4 is a bottom view of a personal device 402 such as a PDA, cell phone, Global Positioning System (GPS) locating device or other handheld device. Embedded within the personal device 402 is a hinged synching connector 404, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. According to the present invention, the hinged synching connector 404 can be applied to any personal electronic device such as computer units, PDAs, cell phones and so on, which have need for USB port connections. In a preferred embodiment, hinged synching connector 404 is a connector configured for USB (Universal Serial Bus) communication. USB is an industry standard and is currently specified by USB Specification Revision 2.0. It will be appreciated that while a preferred embodiment utilizes the popular USB-compliant device, the present invention may be implemented using any communication standard and is not limited to USB. For example, connector 404 can be compliant with ~~FireWire~~ FIREWIRE™ (Apple Computer's implementation of the IEEE 1394b standard) or other communication bus standards.